

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **SB 1996 - HB 1855**

March 29, 2007

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and the state veterinarian to establish a voluntary animal identification system for the purpose of responding to and the prevention of animal disease events in livestock.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

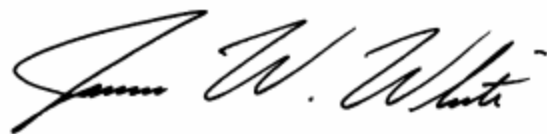
##### **MINIMAL**

Assumptions:

- Under current statute the Department of Agriculture is authorized to take action to prevent animal disease and protect Tennessee livestock.
- The Department of Agriculture currently has an 80/20 match cooperative agreement with the USDA in which the State provides \$334,700 for the implementation of the voluntary program that encourages livestock and poultry owners to register with the National Animal Identification System (NAIS).

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly distinguishable.

James W. White, Executive Director